



MMA World Rankings: Light Heavyweight

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Updated 9/1/10

- 1. Mauricio “Shogun” Rua**
- 2. Rashad Evans**
- 3. Lyoto Machida**
- 4. Quinton Jackson**
- 5. Jon Jones**
- 6. Antonio Rogerio Nogueira**

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7. Forrest Griffin

8. Rich Franklin

9. Rafael “Feijao” Cavalcante

10. Thiago Silva

Flame On: You can really flip Evans and Machida but Evans has the most recent relevant win therefore he gets the two spot. Jon Jones gets the five spot simply because I don't think anyone ranked below him would stand a chance against him. After Jones it gets really bunched up. Lil 'Nog looked awful against Brilz, Girffin has been injured and didn't look all that great against Ortiz, Franklin beat Liddell but has been fighting at catch weight recently, Feijao KO'd King Mo but is he really legit, Silva has been hurt and so on.

Honorable Mention: Gegard Mousasi, Muhammad “King Mo” Lawal, Randy Couture, Vladimir Matyushenko, Ryan Bader

Prospect Watch: Phil Davis, Alexander Gustafsson, Ricardo Romero

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Apparently a thirty second fight can net you 500,000, even if you lose terribly.

James Toney made half a million at UFC 118 and was by far the top earner. Compare that to the 96,000 that was hauled in by lightweight champ Frankie Edgar, and you can't help but be a little sad for the fact that the freakshow made more than the champ.

Here is the full list from [Sherdog.com](#):

Main Card:

- Frankie Edgar \$96,000 (includes \$48,000 win bonus) def. B.J. Penn \$150,000
- Randy Couture \$250,000 def. James Toney \$500,000
- Demian Maia \$68,000 def. Mario Miranda \$8,000
- Gray Maynard \$46,000 (includes \$23,000 win bonus) def. Kenny Florian \$65,000
- Nate Diaz \$60,000 (includes \$30,000 win bonus) def. Marcus Davis \$31,000

Preliminary Card:

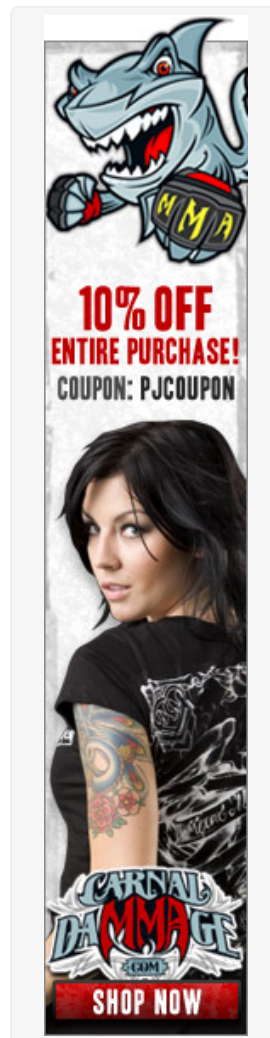
- Joe Lauzon \$24,000 (includes \$12,000 win bonus) def. Gabe Ruediger \$8,000
- Nik Lentz \$22,000 (includes \$11,000 win bonus) def. Andre Winner \$10,000
- Dan Miller \$30,000 (includes \$15,000 win bonus) def. John Salter \$8,000
- Greg Soto \$12,000 (includes \$6,000 win bonus) def. Nick Osipczak \$10,000
- Mike Pierce \$24,000 (includes \$12,000 win bonus) def. Amilcar Alves \$6,000

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1. Anderson Silva

2. Chael Sonnen

3. Nate Marquardt

4. Yushin Okami

5. Vitor Belfort

6. Demian Maia

7. Dan Henderson

8. Ronaldo Souza

9. Hector Lombard

10) Jorge Santiago

Flame On: Probably the hardest division to rank. Anderson Silva still stands alone but Chael Sonnen proved that his spot is vulnerable. Chael looked so good in defeat it's hard to knock him from the number two spot. Sonnen beat Marquadt who beat Maia who beat Sonnen. It's all one crazy game of MMA Math. The two wildcards who can shoot up this list are Yushin Okami and Vitor Belfort. Okami has the judo/wrestling needed to beat Silva and unlike Sonnen he has a BJJ game. Belfort on the other hand is the one guy on this list who could hold his own with Silva striking.

The last question I had in ranking these middleweights was Hector Lombard. The dude is a legit top 10 fighter but he keeps facing cans in Bellator. How do we know his true ability till he's fighting Top 10 guys.

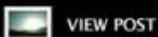
Honorable Mention: Robbie Lawler, Alan Belcher, Yoshihiro Akiyama, Chris Leben, Wanderlie Silva, Michael Bisping

Not Ranked: Rich Franklin (Hopefully he eventually settles at 205) Paulo Filho (DNP: Crazy) Jake Shields (For now a welterweight)

MMA World Rankings: Welterweight

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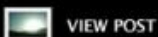
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A ton of BJJ schools are now putting videos online demonstrating some of their unique moves that they teach in an effort to solicit some business. I have to say, a lot of them are just awesome. For the first in what is sure to become a series, check out Renzo Gracie black belt Karel [...]

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Getting hurt in the UFC can be a real bitch. Last September, Vitor Belfort (19-8) defeated UFC legend Rich Franklin and earned himself the right to face Anderson Silva for the UFC middleweight title. Finally, Anderson was going to face a striker who had a chance while standing with him. Well, one shoulder injury, an [...]

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